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Hostile public turns against Charles role

Martin Linton and Patrick Wintour

THE Prince of Wales appears to be losing the battle for public sympathy as he negotiates the terms of his divorce. An ICM poll for the Guardian shows that on average people put 59 per cent of the blame on the prince and only 37 per cent on the princess. It also shows the public would be hostile to the idea of Prince Charles marrying Camilla Parker Bowles after his divorce. Asked whether he should still become king if he gets remarried to Mrs Parker Bowles, a total of 44 per cent say he should and 45 per cent say he should not. Exceeding people with no opinion, fractionally more than half — 50.05 per cent — believe he should not succeed his mother in those circumstances.

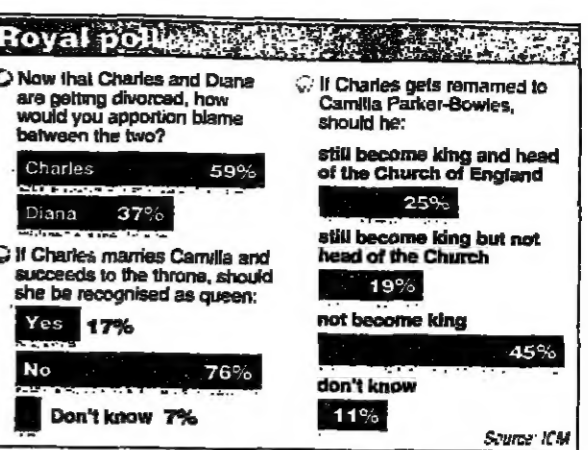
Over the past few years polls have consistently shown that, although people are more likely to blame Charles for the break-up of his marriage, most of them believe he should still become king. A majority of four-to-one or three-to-one hold the

view the throne should pass to him and should not jump a generation to Prince William. But today's poll suggests remarriage could forfeit that support. In the Commons yesterday Ron Davies, Shadow Welsh Secretary, who apologised last week for saying Prince Charles was not fit to be king, was telling colleagues that he has been inundated with mail from the public, running 10 to one in his favour. Welsh Labour MPs were pointing to the results of a survey in Newport and Cardiff shopping centres on Saturday showing five-to-

one backing for Mr Davies's remarks. Of the 3,637 quizzed in three hours, 2,597 said the prince was not fit to be king and only 478 said he was. The Press Association conducted a straw poll among Labour backbenchers which found that 65 wanted an open debate within the party on the future of a hereditary monarchy and 35 did not. A dozen MPs were critical of party leader Tony Blair for obliging Ron Davies to apologise for his comments and some of them described it as a "gagging".

It emerged at Westminster that Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, is intending to tell MPs in the Commons, if asked, that the Government will not set aside time for a debate on the future of the royals. The Guardian-ICM poll shows overwhelming public opposition to the idea of Mrs Parker Bowles becoming queen. Only 17 per cent think she should be recognised as queen if she marries Charles, while 76 per cent do not. The poll also tries to gauge public opinion on the sensitive question of whether Prince Charles, if

he were remarried, should still take the hereditary title of head of the Church of England. A quarter say that if he is remarried before he succeeds to the throne he should be both king and head of the Church, 19 per cent say he should be king but not head of the Church, the rest say he should not be king. ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged 18+ by telephone between March 2 and 4, 1996. Interviews were conducted throughout the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.



Saudi's victory stuns Howard

Sourias Milne

THE Home Secretary, Michael Howard, yesterday suffered his most humiliating reversal yet at the hands of the courts when his decision to expel the Saudi dissident, Mohammed al-Mas'ari, to the tiny Caribbean island of Dominica was thrown out by a British judge. Mr Howard had failed to establish that Professor Mas'ari could be safe in Dominica, the Chief Immigration Adjudicator found, and had no right to refuse to consider properly his application for political asylum in Britain. Mr Howard strongly recommended that Mr Howard do so within 10 days.

appease the fury of the Saudi regime over the activities of its critics in London and secure arms contracts backed once again, with the top immigration adjudicator publicly dismissing Saudi guarantees to the British government and speculating about the kingdom's involvement in violence abroad. Referring the case back to Mr Howard for reconsideration in a 22-page ruling, Judge David Pearl accused the Home Secretary of attempting to circumvent the United Nations Convention on Refugees for "diplomatic and trade reasons" in his desperation to dispose of the "Mas'ari problem". The judge's decision was greeted with delight by Professor Mas'ari and his supporters, while the Home Office said Mr Howard was considering whether there might be grounds to appeal. A renewed effort to deport the Islamist opposition campaigner and former Amnesty International prisoner of conscience to Dominica, however, was thought unlikely by immigration experts in the wake of the ruling.



Safe haven... Mohammed al-Mas'ari signals his pleasure after yesterday's immigration ruling PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

Professor Mas'ari, who is also seeking judicial review of January's expulsion order in the High Court, praised the "sense of fair play and decency" of the British public and said the "independence of the judiciary and the accountability of the executive" displayed in the case was precisely what was lacking in Saudi Arabia. George Galloway, the Labour's Home Affairs

spokesman, Doug Henderson, said the affair had revealed Mr Howard's "gross incompetence", while Lord Avebury, the Liberal Democrat chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, said Mr Howard had received a "knockout blow". The judgment had found the Saudi authorities "capable of murdering this man, whose offence it

is to speak out when the whole of the Saudi people have been cowed into submission by fear". Most embarrassingly for the Saudi and British governments, Judge Pearl accepted that there was "some evidence" that Saudi agents had been involved in "extra-territorial violence" against their opponents. An assurance

from the Saudi ambassador in London that it was not Saudi policy to "cause physical harm" to Professor Mas'ari and other dissidents carried "little weight". The adjudicator said there was "some force" in the argument that Dominica lacked "little weight". Turn to page 3, column 7

Labour MP and organiser of the professor's defence campaign, said the Home Secretary had been given a "judicial flogging" in his ninth defeat in the courts in two years. "Our government sought to prostitute standards of fairness and justice to a grisly tyranny and the court stopped them in their tracks."

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Israel rejects offer of truce

Derek Brown and Jessica Berry in Jerusalem

ISRAEL yesterday contemptuously dismissed a truce offer by Hamas, the Islamist group whose suicide bombs have taken more than 60 lives in the past ten days. Instead, Israeli troops sealed off the Palestinian self-rule enclaves in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, closed its own borders, and launched a huge manhunt for Hamas suspects. Scores of men were arrested throughout the West Bank, many of them arbitrarily picked up in areas where Hamas is known to have support. At the same time, Palestinian security forces made a similarly indiscriminate sweep in the autonomous areas.

he has been told that Israeli forces will move into the scattering of self-rule enclaves which he hopes to turn into a Palestinian state. Mr Peres for the first time linked Israel's planned troop withdrawal from the last of seven West Bank cities to the PLO amending parts of a 1984 charter calling for Israel's destruction. "We demand the Palestinian covenant be amended before we take further steps including the evacuation from Hebron," Mr Peres told reporters. In their latest communiqué the Izz-din al-Qassam military wing of Hamas offered Israel a three-month truce, so long as no further moves were made against its men. Contingently, it went on to say the group could no longer be held responsible for "any action carried out inside the state of the Zionist entity". The government dismissed the offer with contempt. Mr Peres yesterday visited Israel's occupation zone in south Lebanon, where four Israeli soldiers were killed by Hizbullah guerrillas on Monday night.

But with Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, and the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, battling for their political lives, the joint crackdown could be short-lived. The Israeli government, under remorseless pressure to strike back at the Islamists, has publicly humiliated the Palestinian leader by ordering him preemptorily to mount an offensive. If Mr Arafat fails to deliver,

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Trevor Nunn wins as new director of National Theatre

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

TREVOR Nunn, the mill-honoured director of the musicals *Cats* and *Les Misérables*, will be named today as the new director of the National Theatre, Britain's most important. Mr Nunn, the former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), will become the fourth man to

take charge of the National, on the south bank of the Thames, in its 34-year history. He will follow Laurence Olivier, Peter Hall and Richard Eyre. Stephen Daldry of the Royal Court, Sam Mendes of the Donmar Warehouse, and Jude Kelly of the West Yorkshire Playhouse had been considered among the front-runners for a job no one was prepared to say they wanted. All are much younger than

Mr Nunn, aged 56, who will take over from Mr Eyre in 18 months' time, after 10 years in the job. Indeed, Mr Nunn is four years older than the man he will succeed. "You don't give the National to some young thruster who wants to enhance his career," one observer said last night. "It is best suited to one of our greatest runners of theatres and directors who has proved himself over many years. "But Eyre is a class act and

a very hard one to follow, in critical terms and at the box office. The big challenge for Nunn is to show he can still command a big classical stage, something he hasn't done since the early 1980s." Michael Billington, the Guardian's theatre critic, said: "It means two out of four directors of the National will have come from the RSC. It seems too easy and makes the RSC look like the junior branch of the National."

Ministry loses 180 works of art

PRICELESS historical items are among more than 180 works of art lost or stolen from the Ministry of Defence collection over the past eight years, the National Audit Office reveals today.

The most serious theft was of two sets of pencil sketches and lithographs, and a £15,000 painting on loan from the Government Art Collection, which disappeared from secure Whitehall offices. "Only in one case were thieves caught, and losses so alarmed curators of the Government's own collection they stopped lending paintings to the MoD some years ago. As well as the losses, the MoD has failed to take proper care of many works of art, the auditors say. One dedicated storeroom where 100 paintings awaited repair had a potentially harmful air conditioning system. Full report, page 3

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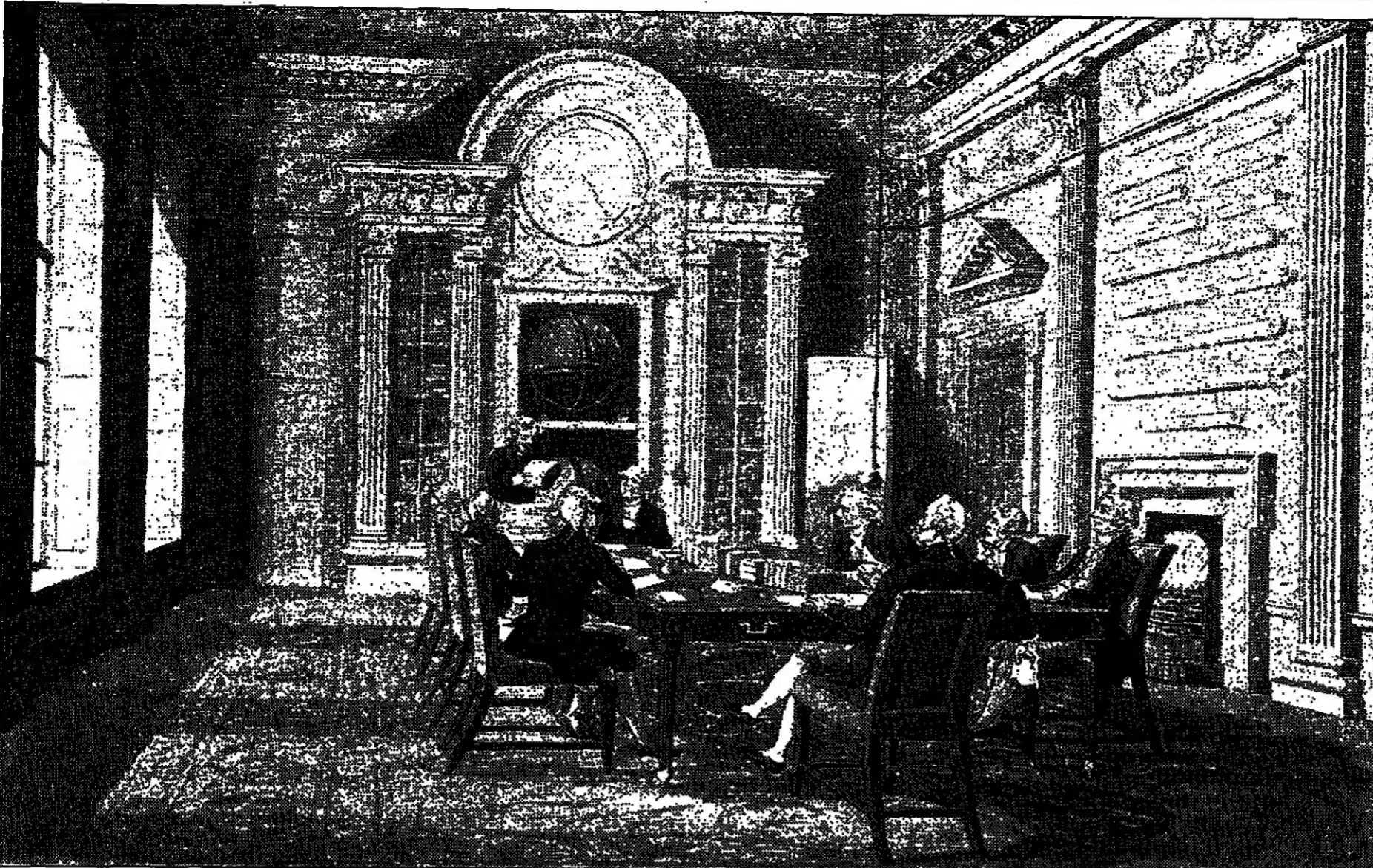
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Defence strongholds under attack for 'losing' a fifth of their £5 million art collection



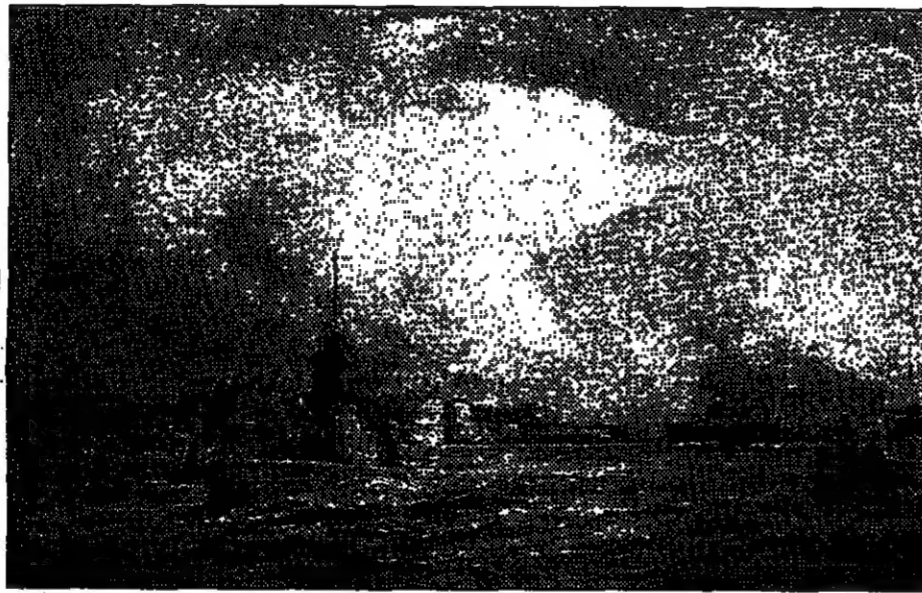
View of the Boardroom at the Admiralty, a print by Thomas Rowlandson and Augustus Charles Pugin which was stolen — from the boardroom in the Admiralty Arch, London

Art thieves steal march on MoD

Priceless paintings in ministry's care are missing or damaged, reports David Hencke

A FIFTH of the Ministry of Defence's £5 million art collection — including priceless historical items — has been stolen or lost in the last eight years, the National Audit Office reveals in a report published today.

It found some 181 paintings and prints were missing, 33 had been stolen and one was given away as a leaving present, to Sir Archie Hamilton, the former minister of state at Defence in 1994.



William Wyllie's £100,000 painting, stolen from HMS Dolphin at Gosport

logues after the regiment's solicitors halted the sale. There have been thefts from top security buildings, including a print which disappeared from the Secretary of State's private flat in Admiralty Arch in 1991 when Tom King held the post.

Only in one case were thieves caught, when protection was managed locally, and losses so alarmed curators of the Government's own collection that they stopped lending paintings to the MOD some years ago.

The most serious theft was of two sets of pencil sketches and lithographs and a £15,000 painting actu-

ally on loan from the Government Art Collection, entitled Coast Scene with Fishing Boats by Nicholas Condy, which disappeared from secure offices at the Ministry of Defence headquarters and Northumberland House in London. The missing pencil sketches, by Comat D'Or-

say, were valued at £5,000 and disappeared overnight from a senior civil servant's office which had been left unlocked for cleaning. The six lithographs, of 19th century Parliamentarians, were stolen from the director of audit management's office. Thieves also stole an historic print by Thomas Rowlandson and Augustus Charles Pugin, entitled View of the Board Room of the Admiralty, from the boardroom in Admiralty Arch. Among the losses exposed by the auditors is the disappearance from the School of the Infantry, Westminster, 28 years ago of five paintings worth £11,000 on loan from the Government Art Collection. They have never been found. Five prints worth £5,000 disappeared in transit between Clive House, Tidworth, and Hill Top House, Farnborough, in Germany — both official military residences. In the one case where thieves were caught, two naval officers were convicted of stealing William Wyllie's painting of a submarine, CS3 Entering the Creek, worth £100,000, from the wardrobe of HMS Dolphin at Gosport. The auditors are also

Mother left shackled at funeral

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

AN INVESTIGATION was launched last night by the Prison Service after two prison officers refused to remove shackles from a woman at the funeral of her 10-day-old baby.

a day accompanied by two prison officers. Each time she was shackled on arrival at the ward but was allowed to remain without handcuffs while she was with her baby. However, her baby died 10 days later and a funeral service was arranged in the hospital chapel for September 14. The woman was brought to the chapel in chains by two prison officers. But this time they refused requests from the chaplain conducting the service, Jill Holden, and hospital staff for the handcuffs to be removed. The chaplain had only one exit and the staff said the inmate was visibly overwhelmed during the service.

The hospital sent an official complaint to Holloway, signed by the chaplain, the senior nursing sister who cared for the baby, the hospital social

Staff at hospital criticise 'inflexible approach' to use of handcuffs on grieving prisoner

worker, and the bereavement services co-ordinator. They said they were "disturbed by the affront to the dignity of a newly bereaved mother by the inflexible approach to the use of handcuffs at her child's funeral." Holloway replied merely by saying that the matter would be shared with "headquarters" managers. Last night Mr Tilt said: "While her daughter was ill in hospital, she was able to nurse her. After the baby's death the prisoner was apparently considered suitable for temporary release and was handcuffed during the funeral."

Mr Straw wrote to her last night demanding to know "if she really thinks these practices are acceptable". In January the policy on the use of shackles and handcuffs was partially relaxed after a series of disclosures about the treatment of pregnant women prisoners. The latest case also centres on an inmate from Holloway women's prison in north London. The woman, who is still in prison and does not want to be identified, gave birth to a girl on August 19 last year, according to the Nursing Standard newspaper. Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, in central London, confirmed yesterday that the baby was transferred to its neonatal intensive care unit because of serious complications. The mother was allowed to visit her baby once

Saudi victory stuns Howard

continued from page 1 sufficient police resources to protect the Saudi desert. But crucially, the island's recent history revealed a "considerable degree of political vulnerability, such that pressure placed on it to remove the appellant and expel him to Saudi Arabia may not be capable of being resisted".

dom. Leading members of the Saudi royal family — along with arms companies like Vickers and British Aerospace — had heavily lobbied British ministers to take action against Professor Mas'ari and his Campaign for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, whose fax campaign against corruption and repression has helped destabilise the regime. The Government's failure to get rid of Professor Mas'ari will be greeted with dismay by the Saudi authorities.

Taiwan faces virtual blockade

Chinese plan for offshore missile tests steps up tension in eight-month war of nerves

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong CHINA yesterday declared what amounts to a partial blockade of Taiwan, announcing new missile tests and warning ships and aircraft to stay away from danger zones near the island's two main ports. It was the most serious escalation yet in an eight-month war of nerves across the Taiwan Strait and drew an immediate threat of retaliation by Taipei against any penetration of its waters and condemnation from the United States, Japan and other governments. The new round of sabre-rattling by the People's Liberation Army (PLA), due to start on Friday and continue for a week, will hurl missiles into the sea off Keelung and Kaohsiung, ports through which flows nearly three-quarters of Taiwan's trade. Taiwan's defence minister, Zhang Chung-ling, warned "we will strike back immediately" if any of the test rockets land inside the island's 12-mile territorial waters. He

told legislators Taiwan has a range of missiles with which to hit back. A Taiwanese newspaper reported yesterday that Taipei had obtained Patriot and anti-missile systems from the US and was setting up six batteries on the island. China's show of force intensifies a bellicose campaign to undermine support for Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, now campaigning for a presidential election on 23 March, the first poll of its kind in the Chinese-speaking world. Yesterday's news hammered Taiwan's currency and jitters stock exchange, forcing heavy intervention by a newly established "stabilisation" fund. "They are trying to push us to the limit to find out the bottom line of Taiwan and the bottom line of the United States," said Andrew Yang, secretary-general of the Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a think-tank close to the Taiwanese military. "This is a pseudo-economic blockade that will impose a tremendous handicap on shipping and airlines."



In a state of the nation address yesterday in Beijing before the annual session of China's rubber-stamp legislature, the National People's Congress, Li Peng, the prime minister, advised against any attempt "in word or action" by foreign governments to block the reunification of China. "The Chinese government and people are determined and able to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the motherland and would never allow the secession of Taiwan." The PLA, according to most military experts, does not have the airborne or sealift

capability to launch a successful invasion of Taiwan. But the new tests, apparently part of a huge military exercise expected to involve more than 150,000 Chinese troops, seem designed to probe Taiwan's vulnerability to an economic blockade. Taiwan imports some 300,000 barrels of oil a week, much of it through sea lanes. The co-ordinates of two "test boxes" announced by Xinhua News Agency extend perilously close to Taiwan, some 20 miles from Keelung in the north and 30 miles from Kaohsiung in the south. A missile could send a rocket into inhabited areas. "I think it is a very bad mistake on their part to put the impact area so near to Taiwan," the US defence secretary, William Perry, said in Washington. "I deplore that decision and I will express my concern to them." Washington sent a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the USS Nimitz, and four escort ships through the Taiwan Strait in December but the Clinton administration faces mounting pressure for bolder displays of US muscle. Congress wants a policy of "strategic ambiguity" replaced with an explicit pledge to defend Taiwan against any mainland military action.

Dutch set to back gay marriages

Government offers compromise law as MPs seek to let same-sex couples adopt children

STEPHAN STANIS in Brussels HOLLAND is on the verge of becoming the first country in Europe to allow homosexual marriages. A proposal which the Dutch parliament is expected to adopt later this month has the support of most members of the governing coalition parties and would not only give homosexual and lesbian partners the same legal status and benefit rights as heterosexuals, but would also enable them to adopt children. The government is trying to head off a row by proposing a lesser social contract, similar to ones in Denmark and Sweden, which would give equal social security, pension and legal rights but stop short of allowing adoption. The plans have divided parliamentarians in a country where liberal attitudes to drugs have caused it to fall out with other European Union states and where doctors also go much further than those elsewhere in practising euthanasia on incurably ill patients. Some Dutch homosexual and lesbian couples already raise children, either from earlier heterosexual marriages or after undergoing in vitro fertilisation. But there are fears that homosexuals are allowed to

adopt children, other countries will not allow Dutch couples and agencies to take orphans for adoption. One of the supporters of the move, Hedy d'Ancona, a Socialist former health and culture minister, said: "If people really want to have children and are good parents, for me there is no difference. We do not have examinations before they can have children and if you think of all the violence and incest there is in families now they are not necessarily the most holy and safe places to raise children. "What children need is good parents and I don't think the sexual orientation is very important. I know homosexuals who are already really good and caring parents, perhaps because they have had to struggle hard to bring up their children." The marriage plan has the backing of the Socialists, Liberals and Centrists who make up the governing coalition, plus the Green Party. It is opposed by Conservatives and Christian Democrats. But the divisions are not entirely on party lines. A lesbian Conservative deputy has come out in favour of legalising homosexual marriages while a Socialist former Greek Orthodox priest is opposing. Theanalisis Apostolou said: "The role of the public authorities ought to be to create order and stability. They should not be making one lifestyle into a norm." Elizabeth Schmitz, the justice minister, is proposing the compromise. A government spokeswoman said: "There will be an investigation into the feasibility of the marriage plan but I do not think the cabinet will want to go that far."

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Labour leader attacks Tories as homewreckers and calls for flexible mortgages and help for buyers caught in the negative equity trap



New homes needed... and 'a new deal between government, mortgage lenders and borrowers' PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

Blair champions the homeowner

James Melke, Community Affairs Editor

TONY Blair yesterday moved to make Labour the party of homeowners as well as council tenants in an audacious attempt to undermine Tory claims to represent the property-buying classes.

He called on mortgage lenders to be more flexible in their arrangements and threatened legal regulation of their profession. Wider use of "payment holidays" to help mortgage payers through temporary loss of work or the birth of children, and the increased use of loans that enabled reliable clients to borrow to cover negative equity on former homes as well as buying their new ones were among measures he promoted.

He savaged the Conservatives as "the homewreckers' party — the party of negative equity, repossessions, broken dreams and falling house values".

He said 300,000 homes had been repossessed since John

Major became Prime Minister. He called for a new deal between government, mortgage lenders and borrowers.

But his charge that the Government had caused insecurity through cuts in mortgage interest tax relief and benefits to unemployed mortgage payers was angrily denied by the Government.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said Labour's economic policies would simply mean higher interest and mortgage rates.

Mr Blair, acknowledging the success of Mrs Thatcher's right-to-buy policy for council tenants, said the Conservatives had lost touch. "Labour is back in touch — the party of social housing but the party of private housing too."

A steady, sustainable growth in the economy rather than "boom and bust" policies would improve confidence in the housing market.

Some people had been sold unsuitable mortgages or had been denied full information about sellers' commissions and other charges, he said. "Voluntary code of practice such as that recently sug-

gested by mortgage lenders might not be enough. There was a strong case to make the selling of mortgages subject to the same laws as the selling of other financial services, including pensions. Party sources later even suggested there might be "league tables" of mortgage lenders' performances.

Mr Blair said Labour would allow councils to use receipts from right-to-buy sales to be phased into use both for building new local authority homes and paying for developments by housing associations.

Poor housing struck at the heart of society, making it more difficult to hold a family together, to bring up children in a healthy environment, to ensure they had a decent education and to enjoy a sense of security.

"Labour supports the aspiration of people to own their own home and also to have a properly run social and private rented sector for those who cannot afford to buy or who choose not to."

Will Hutton, page 9

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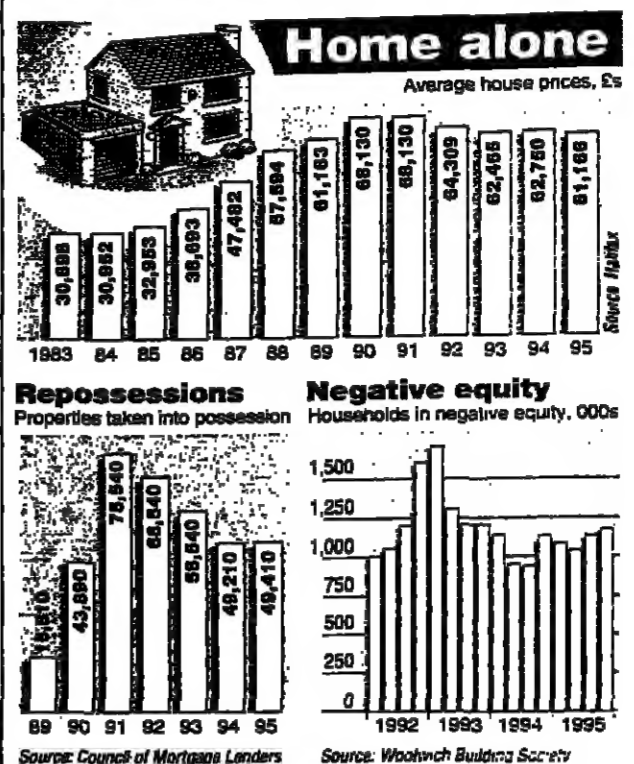
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Animal activist plotted bombs

AN ANIMAL rights activist who plotted a nationwide bombing campaign was yesterday found guilty of conspiring to commit arson.

Birmingham crown court heard during a five-week trial that David Callender, who is unemployed, aged 37, and lives in Waterloo, Merseyside, was arrested after a shopworker became suspicious when he placed an order for kitchen timers.

After his arrest police uncovered a bomb factory at a house in Sparkhill in Birmingham: enough devices to plant 100 fire bombs; a list of potential targets related to the food trade and field sports; and detailed plans referring to visits to target sites, levels of security and escape routes.

Police believe there must have been other people involved but have not managed to trace them.

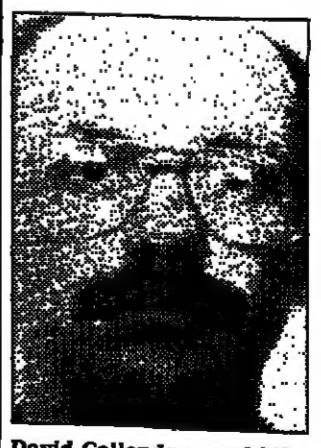
Detective Chief Inspector Roger Simpson of West Midlands police told the court that in October 1994 a woman at a kitchen suppliers in Harrow, north-west London, took a phone call from a man asking to purchase 60 kitchen timers. Police mounted surveillance and later spotted Callender, a history graduate from Liverpool university, arriving to pick up the timers. The house in Birmingham was watched. Callender, a vegan who eats no animal fish or dairy products, and who has convictions going back to 1984 relating to the activities of the Animal Liberation Front, was arrested when he travelled to Cambridge to check possible targets.

Det Chief Insp Simpson said that the bomb material included theatrical explosives, known as maroons, which could have been modified to make detonators. Although petrol was not found, there were lists of filling stations throughout Birmingham.

Police say that a 23-page handwritten document detailing potential targets would have taken Callender months to compile as he travelled around on his mountain bike using the train network. Targets included an agricultural college in Humberside, food manufacturers, horse breeders, egg production companies, fox hound associations, slaughter houses, and the Milk Marketing Board.

Det Chief Insp Simpson said he could not rule out that Callender was the same man who bought identical timers from the same store in 1991. Police later found they had been used in firebomb attacks in the south of England. No one was ever caught.

Callender had pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit arson. His co-defendant, Greg Avery, aged 28, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, was found not guilty of the same charge. He said he was an animal rights supporter, but had no idea what Callender was planning. Judge Peter Matthews adjourned sentence on Callender until today.



David Callender: used bike to check possible targets

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Inquiry into death of boy, 10, who was ferried around four hospitals, attacks shortage of intensive care beds for gravely ill children

Dorrell to act on casualty scandal

David Brindle and Martin Wainwright

THE Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, will today unveil an action plan to improve availability of casualty and intensive care beds, following a series of scandals over bed shortages.

According to the inquiry report, there is a "clear" shortage of intensive care beds for children in the North-west — though the lack of such a bed did not lead directly to Nicholas's death last December.

The boy collapsed in a fit at his Stockport home and was taken first to Stockport Infirmary and then to the nearby Stepping Hill hospital. After staff there failed to arrange a brain scan — though there was a scanner, bought by public subscription — he was moved to be scanned at Hope Hospital, Salford, and then to Leeds General Infirmary where an intensive care bed had been found.

Christmas concert with his personal sleeper and mobile telephone switched on. He did not use the two hospital beepers which the switchboard was activating.

Ashworth said should be "forcefully pushed through", have been opposed because they involve closure of Booth Hall children's hospital, Manchester.



Donated livers 'turned down for lack of beds'

A LEADING transplant surgeon said yesterday that he had been forced to decline 29 donors' livers in a little more than year be-

cause of a shortage of intensive care beds, writes David Brindle. During that time, 11 of his patients had died awaiting a transplant.

For transplant patients. Equally, however, none had a patient in such urgent need of a transplant that steps were taken to free a bed.

Shepherd talks of pay by results for teachers

John Carvel Education Editor

A MOVE towards paying teachers by results was signalled yesterday by Gillian Shepherd, Education and Employment Secretary, when she announced plans to set achievement targets for every pupil, class and school to lift educational standards.

overall is lower," she said. A new appraisal system being studied by the Teacher Training Agency and the Office for Standards in Education would give governors clearer criteria for judging teaching performance against national standards of competence.

to get involved in their children's education. "It could start at the level of teachers saying we want young Johnny to move up four reading books by next term, and we want you to help," Mrs Shepherd said.



A headless ghost, left behind by a film unit at 19th century Peckforton castle near Tarporley, Cheshire, is being auctioned next week. Soaring bookings for weddings have ousted the headless inhabitant. Brides are upset by it, said the owner, Evelyn Graybill

PM to brave hostile Scots

Michael White Political Editor

JOHAN Major is planning an extraordinary gamble to boost flagging Tory popularity in Scotland by going to Glasgow next week to lead an attack on Scottish devolution before an overwhelmingly hostile audience.

Film censor clears tale of sex, drugs and children

Warning to parents or exploitation? Michael Ellison on a 'painful' production

A YOUNG couple — as in extremely young — embrace in a tender embrace on a bed surrounded by teddy bears and with a Beanie Boys poster in the background. "Know what I want to do? What do I want to do?" the boy in boxer shorts asks the girl in bra and knickers.

The board's director, James Ferman, said the \$3 million movie was one of the most painful he has seen during his 21 years in the job.

The New York Daily News said the sex lives of the teenagers in Clark's drugs-driven Manhattan tale made "jack rabbits look lazy."

Ashdown goes live on Internet to open new political arena

A TECH forum for political debate and accountability opens up to the public this weekend when Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, goes on the Internet to answer questions live.

and 7pm on Sunday with Mr Ashdown responding via computer terminal from his constituency home in Yeovil. It is the first time such political debates have been held in Britain.

group of political enthusiasts regularly debates current affairs issues. Previous high profile, on-line conversations across the Atlantic have involved the US Vice President Al Gore, the Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Michael Jackson and Tom Hanks.

At stake are perennial Tory hopes of restoring their fading Scottish base, currently resting on the combative Mr Forsyth. Though he has dominated the regional media much more than his predecessors, he has failed to make much impact on the polls.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SAW
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6 WORLD NEWS

Youthful urges faze the mullahs

Two out of three Iranians are under 25. They have little patience with government restrictions, writes **Kathy Evans** in Tehran

SEVENTEEN years after Iran's Muslim clergy overthrew the Shah and launched the world's first Islamic revolution, the elderly bearded men of the regime have lost the country's youth.

Neither side knows how to talk to the other. Teenagers say they feel they have nothing in common with the ruling clerics, and the mullahs offer only sports, healthy mountain walks and censored films for entertainment.

"Most of the students I know want to leave Iran the first chance they can. I want to go to America," said Sayeed, aged 24 and a third year medical student, as he watched a heavy metal band

at home. It's still pretty scary to do that, but usually you can bring them in advance not to raid your party." Catching errand teenagers and girls considered to be improperly dressed is now proving to be a big earner for Tehran's numerous and underpaid moral police.

"The net result of banning relationships with women is that you get more and more obsessed with sex. In the dorms at the university, we talk of nothing else."

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Israel prepares to hit Hamas 'anywhere'

Derak Brown in Jerusalem

ISRAEL yesterday unleashed its full repertoire of security measures in the Gaza Strip and West Bank in response to the latest wave of suicide bombings.

measures to counter the threat from the Islamic movement, Hamas. He refused to spell them out, but made it clear that from now on, Israeli forces, in particular a new anti-Hamas unit to be headed by the Shin Bet chief, Ami Ayalon, will have carte blanche to re-enter the autonomous territories ostensibly controlled by President Yasser Arafat's forces.

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Tel Aviv residents call for revenge during a demonstration yesterday at the site of Monday's blast. PHOTOGRAPH: NATHAN MARKIN

For most practical purposes, the West Bank is occupied territory again, while the Gaza Strip, almost hermetically sealed within its 30-mile security fence, is a giant prison camp.

He told the American ABC television network that the government would carry on its campaign against Hamas "anywhere". Asked if that included foreign strikes, he twice replied: "Anywhere means anywhere, period."

Another daily, Davar Rishon, which compared the situation to the Israeli-Arab war of 1948, wrote: "The entire country has become a front line again."

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Calls grow for 'total war' as press loses patience

Angry words are paving the way for revenge, writes **Jessica Berry** in Jerusalem

ISRAELI newspapers were yesterday in no mood for compromise after a week of horrific suicide attacks in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv.

Letters, page 5; Dead men walking, G2 cover story

Letting the terrorists know that if Israeli women and children are no longer safe, their own families will no longer be immune."

ians an absolute closure, no man will leave his home."

can live and endure with the pains of the past, or we can continue with war and add yet more suffering."

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China endorses Jiang to lead cautious reforms

Jane Macartney in Beijing

CHINA unveiled a five-year plan to guide its economic boom yesterday, naming President Jiang Zemin as the core leader into

the 21st century but offering little initiative on reform.

the grip on power of Mr Jiang, aged 69, in the face of a campaign to rejuvenate the leadership.

In the next five years, China will introduce a tax on interest earnings and an inheritance tax, to try to redress the balance of wealth.

ciency, the plan says. This contrains the taboo of unemployment that some leaders fear could trigger social unrest and jeopardise 47 years of unbroken communist rule.

Normally a C-141 Starlifter from Christchurch, New Zealand, drops fresh fruit and vegetables, letters and presents for the 282 staff of the US South Pole and McMurdo stations and the 13 New Zealanders at Scott Base. The next incoming flight will be in August. — *Reuter, Christchurch.*

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The long-term goals to lead China into the 21st century appeared unambitious, designed partly to consolidate

the plan stressed the importance of ironing out widening regional disparities in wealth. Incomes in the prosperous east — which receives most foreign investment — far outstrip those in remote western provinces.

State enterprises should lay off workers to boost efficiency, the plan says.

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News in brief

Jews demand trial of former minister

THE families of Jews sent from wartime France to Nazi death camps will today urge a court to put a former French cabinet minister on trial for crimes against humanity.

US soldier 'raped by Czechs'

AN AMERICAN woman soldier was allegedly raped in Bosnia at the weekend, and the investigation was focusing on Czech soldiers attached to the Nato-led peace mission, officials said.

Billionaire 'had syphilis'

HOWARD HUGHES'S lunacy may have been due to syphilis, according to an excerpt from a new book, Howard Hughes: The Untold Story, in Vanity Fair magazine.

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The greying of Europe
An ageing continent may need immigration

A SPECTRE is haunting Europe. But it is certainly not the spectre of communism that Marx and Engels foresaw in the 19th century. The shadow over today's Europe is the greying of the indigenous population, and the pressures which this remorseless demographic trend will inevitably place upon the labour market and welfare systems of the 21st century.

balance between the generations are potentially vast. No nation in Europe will be spared the impact. Britain's elderly will increase by 43.6 per cent by 2025 while our working population will decline by 2.8 per cent and the young (the under-20s) will fall by 8.2 per cent.

The fundamental demographic change facing almost all nations in Europe is the inexorable increase in adult life expectancy brought about by the absence of war and the improvement of public health and welfare. According to the Commission, the number of Europeans aged over 60 is set to double by 2025. By that date, there will be 113.5 million over-60s in the European Union, who will make up nearly a third of the total population.

In any event, the changes will mean steadily more spending on pensions, more on health care for the elderly, on residential homes and other forms of social service. That may come from taxation or from private insurance, but it will have to come from somewhere.

Just rebuke for Howard's way
But is he capable of the "highest standards" required?

THE PLAN to expel the Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari, now frustrated by Judge David Pearl, was regarded by Whitehall officials as an "ingenious" solution to an embarrassing problem. Mr Mas'ari had attracted the personal wrath of senior members of the House of Saud.

reasons". This conclusion could hardly be avoided since government ministers have readily acknowledged that the expulsion decision was linked to the threat to British export orders for Saudi Arabia. But Judge Pearl is damningly explicit: "It is not the country of origin (i.e. the fact that Mr Mas'ari came to Britain via the Yemen) which is the issue here, but the need to maintain good relations with Saudi Arabia."

Judge Pearl has told Mr Howard to reconsider the case on the specific grounds that Dominica had not been established to be a safe third country for the dissident. He noted that the history of Dominica illustrated "a considerable degree of political vulnerability."

These judicial conclusions only confirm what commonsense has already strongly suggested about this shabby case but Judge Pearl should still be congratulated on his clarity of judgment. He also confirms the general view that the government has wholly failed to act in the humanitarian spirit required by international convention and law.

Going fishing for pound notes

Spain's win doesn't alter the urgent need to conserve stocks

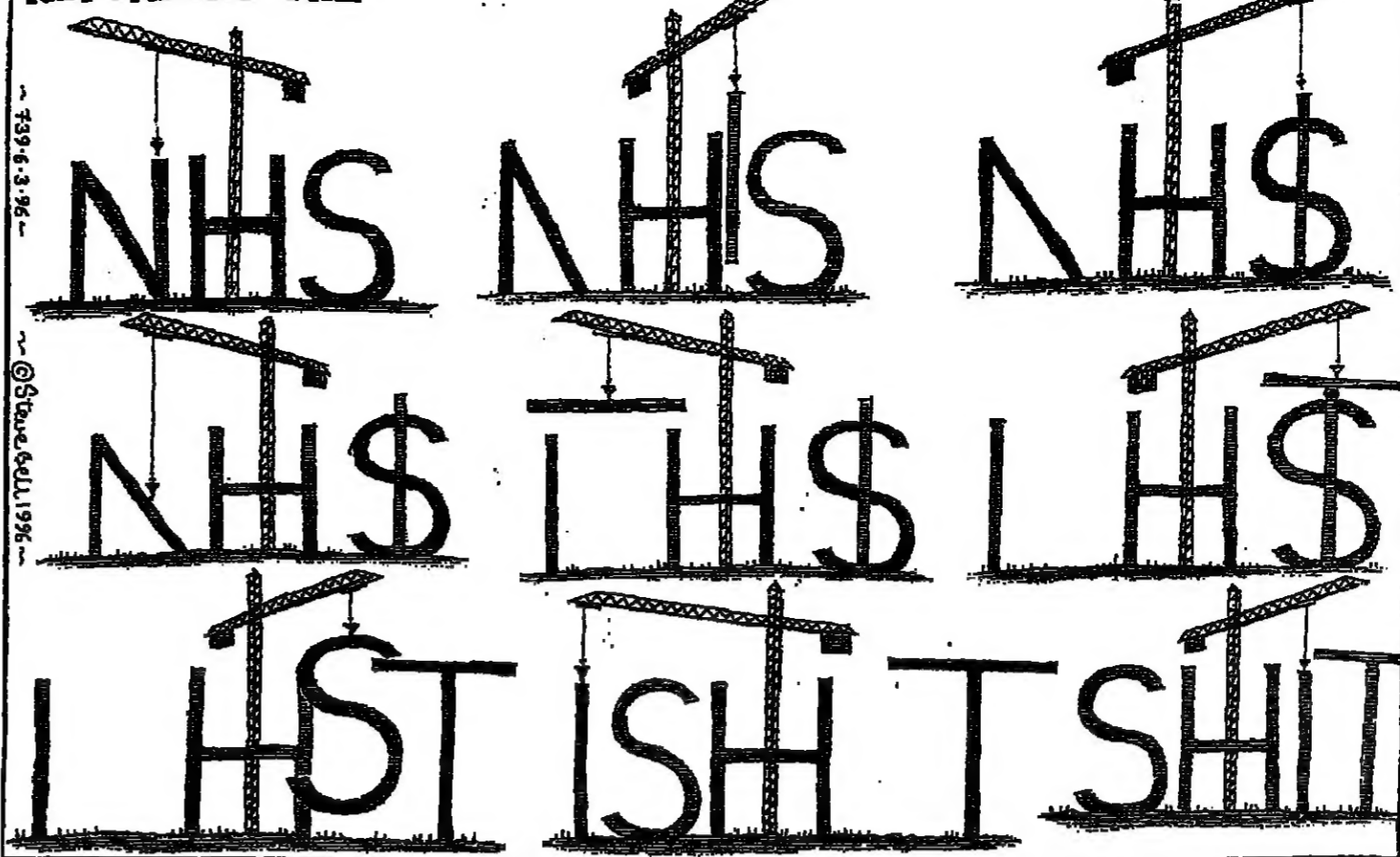
BRITAIN is part of a barrier-free Europe which allows anyone to establish a company anywhere. The 100 or so Spanish fishermen who set up "brass plate" companies in the UK in 1988 to qualify for UK fish quotas were acting legally as the European Court of Justice has confirmed.

catching by Britain's imposition of the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act which imposed illegal residential and other requirements on the trawlers. The Spanish are over the moon since they will be paid for not fishing. The British government won't be displeased since it offers a glorious opportunity to gain brownie points from the Eurosceptics by attacking Brussels during the forthcoming inter-governmental talks.

The problem arises because the world's seas have been wantonly overfished and the EU, like other regions, has imposed strict national quotas. So catches by the Spanish brass plate companies reduce the amount available for what remains of our fishing fleet under UK quotas. The judgment clears the way for the Spanish trawlers to sue for up to £30 million compensation for the fish they had been prevented from

But behind the political fracas lies the fact that global imperatives demand the conservation of fish stocks. Spain, hardly short of sea itself, is legally correct, but it is difficult to reconcile the size of its fishing capability (Spain has a third of the EU's entire fleet with massive surplus capacity) with the desperate need to conserve stocks. Yesterday's judgment is a temporary solution to a problem that will not go away until it has been firmly tackled on a Europe-wide basis.

REFORMING THE



Letters to the Editor

Picking up the pieces

I WAS appalled by the horrific carnage wreaked in Israel by the suicide bombers of Hamas (Peace blown to shreds, March 5). However, I feel that it is not simply unfair but highly dangerous to respond by punishing all Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

national people, but they are far from "lonely". They have friends and supporters across the globe who have come to understand the enormous steps towards peace and reconciliation undertaken by the Israeli Labour Party.

in Oslo was a "victory process" aimed at a settlement such as General Pétain accepted for a defeated France, and that the victors' terms would be accepted.

Another round in the debate over Northern Ireland's future

IT IS sad to see, after 25 years of violence in Northern Ireland, that Roy Hattersley — who signed the order sending the troops on to the streets of Belfast — has learnt so little in August 1992, as Catholics were being burnt out of areas of west Belfast, Joe Cahill — a senior IRA man — "was chased out of Ballymurphy... when he first appeared to organise defensive measures... and he took several days to talk his way back into the district."

WE should be grateful to Martin Kettle for reminding us that there is a single word to describe what the British and Irish governments should be aiming to achieve in Northern Ireland: a condominium ("The joint control of a state's affairs by other states", Oxford Concise Dictionary).

THE time has come, not for a reckoning in Israel, as Martin Woolacott claims, but within the Palestinian Authority Community, March 5. It is now time for those within the Palestinian community who claim they support the peace process to rescue it from the brink of collapse.

AMOS OZ shows again (Hand in hand to hell? March 5) that Israel's doves have taken. Israel is his homeland as he declares, but only because it was backed out of the Palestinians' homeland in a century of Zionist diplomacy, deceit and violence.

WHILE I agree that large supermarkets have contributed to the decline of town centre shopping, I am worried by the apparent implication that they are in part responsible for the failure of care in the community and the subsequent murder of one of their customers in the car park by a "neglected schizophrenic".

ROY Hattersley seems oblivious of the scepticism and abuse which John Hume endured when he first trod the delicate path of talks with Sinn Féin in the months before the Downing Street Declaration. The result was a process which has brought us closer to peace than any other approach in 25 years.

IF I divorce my (first) wife when she and I will each, presumably, look forward to half of my pension (divorced from reality, March 5). However, if I marry again and that marriage fails, will my first ex-wife have her share of the pension reduced so that, along with my second ex-spouse, we all have equal thirds? Alternatively, will my first partner retain her original half whilst my second former wife and I have to each struggle through our declining years with only a quarter share of the original pension?

A punch-up

SKY TV having announced that the Bruno/Tyson fight can be watched on Sky, I telephoned the Videotron cable company, to which I subscribe to watch Sky programmes, to enquire how I can further subscribe to watch the fight.



It's asda be Asda who's profiting

Apparently, the cable companies have to pay Sky a substantial fee for the right to relay the fight, and Videotron are unable to recover this sum from their subscribers. So tens of thousands of viewers are being deprived of the opportunity of watching this exciting event live.

ROS Coward (Charity does not begin at the checkout, March 4) is right to question the motives of firms which sponsor educational materials and equipment. It is hard to imagine that these schemes are inspired by altruism alone.

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MARTIN KETTLE misquotes the British Government's formula of neutrality from the Joint Frameworks Document as Britain not having a "selfish or strategic interest" in Northern Ireland (Outlook, March 2). The correct phrase is that Britain has "no selfish strategic or economic interest" in Northern Ireland.

Split to infinity

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IT IS simply untrue that films are enjoying near-unprecedented acclaim and success at the UK box-office (Letters, March 5). About 50 years ago, cinema attendance in Britain ran at 35 million per week and UK film production at around 350 per year. Of course this was before television, whose effects are one of the reasons why Susan Sorling is broadly right.

THE real problem is that, in order to get anything half-way worthwhile, schools have to collect an enormous number of tokens. To get a CD-ROM computer from Asda requires 3,000 to 4,000 vouchers. One voucher is given away for each £26 spent. The computer, therefore, costs the parents of the school £75,000. The numbers are similar in the Tesco scheme.

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A poor report

YOUR extracts from last week's Lords debate on the NHS (Arena, March 4) excluded any of the comments which demonstrated that we have a health service that is leading the world, and of which the British people can be justifiably proud.

A Country Diary

THE WREKIN: The Limekiln Woods are sodden. Muddy tracks lead to the wood's cool damp heart where the feather moss on fallen trunks is most vivid. Although leaf buds are still hard as bullets, a shaggy golden fleece of hazel catkins spreads between the trees.

So, with gay abandon...

Nicholas Soames pledges to "fight every inch of the way" to retain the ban on homosexuals in the military (Minister firm against gays in military, March 5). He would do well to remember the countless conscripted homosexuals who gave their lives in two world wars so that he could air his prejudices in a free society.

It would be much more honest and responsible if the firms either donated equipment to schools, or reduced prices further in the shops, thus benefiting all shoppers. It would also put the burden of funding schools back where it belongs: on the shoulders of the government.

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10 OBITUARIES

Ludwig Freiherr von Hammerstein-Equord

Family against the Führer

THE journalist Ludwig Freiherr von Hammerstein-Equord, who has died aged 76, was a rarity among Germans of his generation...

German president, Paul von Hindenburg, against Hitler's (politically) constitutional appointment as chancellor...



Hammerstein escaped after the plot against Hitler and spent the rest of the war in hiding

a first lieutenant on the staff, serving at army headquarters in Berlin. After one or two coup "plots", so ineffectual that the Gestapo does not appear to have noticed them...

intellectuals. The spearhead of the plot was Lieutenant-Colonel Claus Count von Stauffenberg, who planted a bomb at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters...

rest the leading Nazis on hand in the capital. Stunned by the announcement that Hitler was alive, the scheming generals at army headquarters succumbed to disarray and paralysis...

Axel Springer under a British licence in 1946. After three years, he joined the press department of the West German Ministry for All-German Affairs...

Margaret McKay

A long way from Clapham

MARGARET McKay, Clapham's Labour MP from 1964 to 1970 and stormy petrel of pro-Arab politics in the 1960s, has died aged 86...

enthusiasm was a by-product of her daughter's second marriage to a Lebanese pilot based in Beirut. Oil-rich Iran and its charming Shah was Margaret's first Middle Eastern passion...



McKay... stormy petrel

the women MPs' restroom in the Commons. Yet incensed by suggestions that she was more interested in the kingdom than in Clapham, she handed in her resignation to the Sunday Express's Douglas Clark...

Birthdays

- Dr Midge Adam, astronomer, 84; Jean Boht, actress, 60; William Davis, author, broadcaster, 82; Kiki Dee, singer, 69; Diana, Labour MP, 67; Prof Sir Charles Frank, physicist, 85; Daves Gilmour, rock guitarist, singer, 65; Sir Alistair Grant, chairman, Safeway, 59; Prof David Hendry, economist, 82; Prof Sir Raymond (Bill) Hoftberg, endocrinologist, medical campaigner, former president, Wolfson College, Oxford, 73; Judy Lee, actress, 48; Lorin Maazel, conductor, 68; Sir Hal Miller, former Conservative MP, 87; Sir Colin Moss, MP, junior Northern Ireland minister, 53; John Noakes, television presenter, 62; Valentina Nikolayeva-Tereshkova, first woman in space, 59; Richard Noble, world land speed record holder, 80; Flora Purins, jazz singer, 54; Peter Robb, cricketer, 40; The Rt Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, 67; Prof Marilyn Strathern, anthropologist, 55; Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano, 53; D E (David Haddon) Whitaker, publisher of the almanac, 66; Mary Wilson, singer, 52; Ann Winterton, Conservative MP, 55; Sir Oliver Wright, former diplomat, 76.

Marion Farouk-Sluglett

Keeping an eye on Iraq

FOR anyone studying modern Iraq, the work of Marion Farouk-Sluglett and her husband Peter Sluglett is indispensable. Her death, from cancer at the age of 59, ends a remarkable life...

she took temporary language teaching posts in Durham, Oxford and Dublin, as well as acting as a consultant to a Dutch group working in North Yemen, before finally establishing herself as a lecturer in politics at University College, Swansea. Here she became a leading authority on European political history, Third World development and the Middle East...

Minnie Pearl



Grand Ole Opry... 'How-dee,' Minnie used to tell them, 'I'm just so proud to be here'

Just a finger-lickin southern gal

MINNIE PEARL, who has died aged 83, told terrible jokes on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry show for 50 years, sang a bit and recited monologues from beneath a straw hat with a \$1.98 price tag...

home to both America's longest-running radio programme and the conservative country establishment, started not on a dusty backroad but as the daughter of a well-to-do businessman. After finishing school, she worked as a teacher, toured the south with amateur productions and, in 1936, met an Alabama mountain woman on whom she based her stage persona...

and certainties of the rural life than on what she was. "Minnie Pearl is uncomplicated," the artist once said of her alter ego. "She's apple pie and clothes dried in the sun and the smell of fresh bread baking. I don't think people think of her so much as a show business act as a friend. The price tag on my hat seems to be symbolic of all human frailty."

on the fringes of the city, where there is a Minnie Pearl Museum. She appeared with all the leading country stars but her only hit record was in 1966, Giddyup Go, Answer. She was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1975 and acquired a level of respect from the music's old guard reserved here for former Tory prime ministers.

Jackdaw



I FOUND a copy of the December/January Journalist on the floor of a lavatory in a local train station. I read it from cover to cover while waiting for a train, and I believe you are using far too much paper and ink to express your opinions...

wishes of the people who pay their salaries. Of course, there are those occasions when journalists feel obligated to suspend any or all portions of said code. The public may rest assured that this will be done only for good causes (such as expediency, laziness or ideological bias). Anyone who would deny journalists the right of total self-regulation is a fascist...

more weeks every year if provided with machines that do the typing for them; better yet, machines that do the writing as well, leaving them to concentrate on collecting their pay. Anyone who thinks that this is too much to ask is a slave-driving exploiter of the proletariat. Please feel free to use the above in your publication. Unless, of course, Rupert Murdoch buys and closes it. A letter from John S. Moyer of Dublin to Journalist, the in-house magazine for members of the National Union of Journalists.

Phone Bill

Q. What are your first thoughts? A. All these attacks against Cuba are done with civilian planes. To tell the truth, these attacks have happened repeatedly over the years, and it has created a condition of distrust. Q. Why did you take this action now? A. Before, brothers helped rafters. But then they began engaging in extremely seri-

ous terrorist actions against our country under the sponsorship of the Cuban American National Foundation in Miami... We had been patient, but there are limits... Q. Instead of shooting them down, why didn't you try to force them to land? A. It is very difficult. We have tried it with narco-traffickers and lost some of our planes... Q. Did you ever think about calling President Clinton? A. (Stunned pause.) I have never talked to any president of the United States. The exiles would murder Clinton if they found out he was talking to me. Cuban premier Fidel Castro interviewed by Time magazine about the shooting down by the US of planes chartered by Cuban exiles in Miami.

Trainspotting

WE, BRITISH Railways Board, a public authority established under the provisions of the Transport Act... do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a

patent may be granted to us... The present invention relates to a space vehicle... The space vehicle consists of a disk or platform which may have a flat, slightly concave or convex undersurface. A controlled thermonuclear fusion reaction is ignited by one or more pulsed laser beams... reflected or refocused on to a central reaction zone on the underside of the platform. From the patent specification for a flying saucer taken out by British Rail in December 1970. Reprinted in Inventors World.

Tank boy

DAVID "TANK" Abbott, a 271-pound behemoth who looks like a fit and furious Friar Tuck, methodically chokes his opponent. Abbott bulls Steve Jennum against the ring's hurricane fence, driving with his tattooed calves until Jennum's head bulges like a soda straw. As the crowd rises for the kill, beery cries pierce the din: "Break his back!" "Crush the

cop!" (Jennum is a policeman; Abbott has four assault convictions.) And always, metronomically, "Tank! Tank! Tank!" Facing imminent blackout a mere 76 seconds into the bout, Jennum taps the mat to surrender. Abbott walks away flipping his hands disgustingly — the "what a pussy" gesture. More "Tank! Tank! Tank!" jubilation. Abbott now advances to the



semi-finals of this ultimate fighting championship (UFC), where two men clash in the 30-foot-wide Octagon, forbidden only to bite, gouge, or "fishhook" — rip the mouth. And this evening's UFC is the so-called Ultimate, a single-elimination journey between eight winners and finalists — with the winner taking \$150,000. It is, announcer Bruce Beck is trumpeting to the pay-per-view audience, "the white-knuckle event of bare-knuckle competition" — the white-knuckle event that will cast forth the world's toughest man.

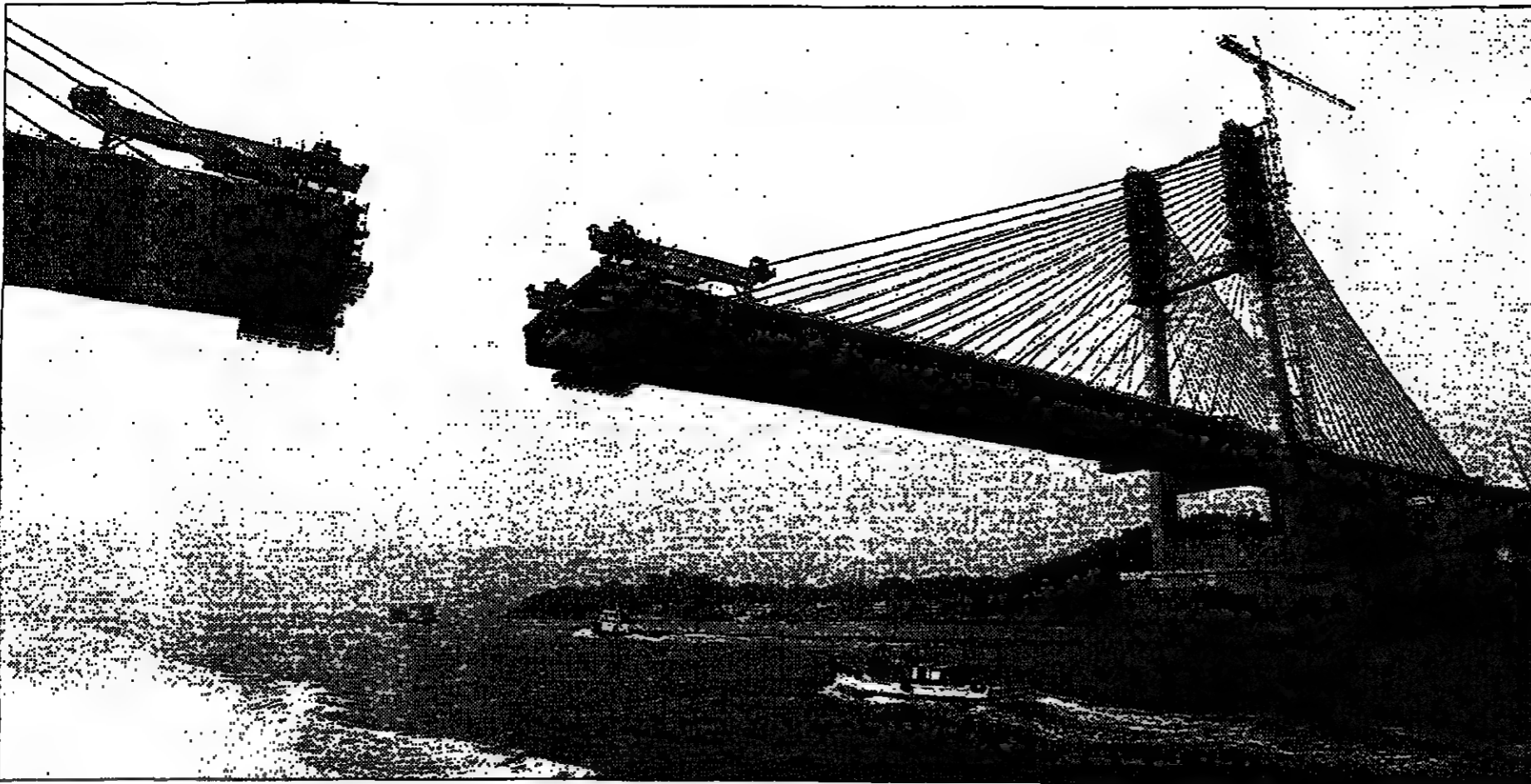
The other seven fighters are martial artists who blend techniques from wrestling, judo, sambo and kick-boxing; Tank Abbott is an alley fighter extraordinaire, the guy who pops your nose with a pool cue, then stomps your ribs with his Doc Martens. "Is he a complete psychopath? Would he fight for free to hurt people?" says Abbott's manager, Dave Thomas. "Yes." As the only fighter who respects neither his opponents nor their unspoken credo of pun-

ishing only enough to win, Abbott is Ultimate Fighting's villain, its surly lid — and biggest draw. "Tank taps into the core of what everyone really wants to do — beat the shit out of someone who's pissing them off," says Abbott's friend Andrea, a pretty redhead thrashed among Tank's army in the mezzanine. "When someone challenges him in a bar," chimes in Diana Thomas, the astonishingly beautiful wife of Tank's manager, "he tells me, 'Hold my teeth,' because his front teeth are a plate. It never takes more than one punch." She thrusts her fists up as Tank departs the Octagon. "Tank is America!" Tad Friend observes America's bare-knuckle scene for New York magazine.

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Dan Glaister

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Bridge of size... Kap Shui Mun, at 820 metres the shorter of two bridges that will connect Hong Kong with Chek Lap Kok airport, awaits its last link

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Colony flies in face of doubts



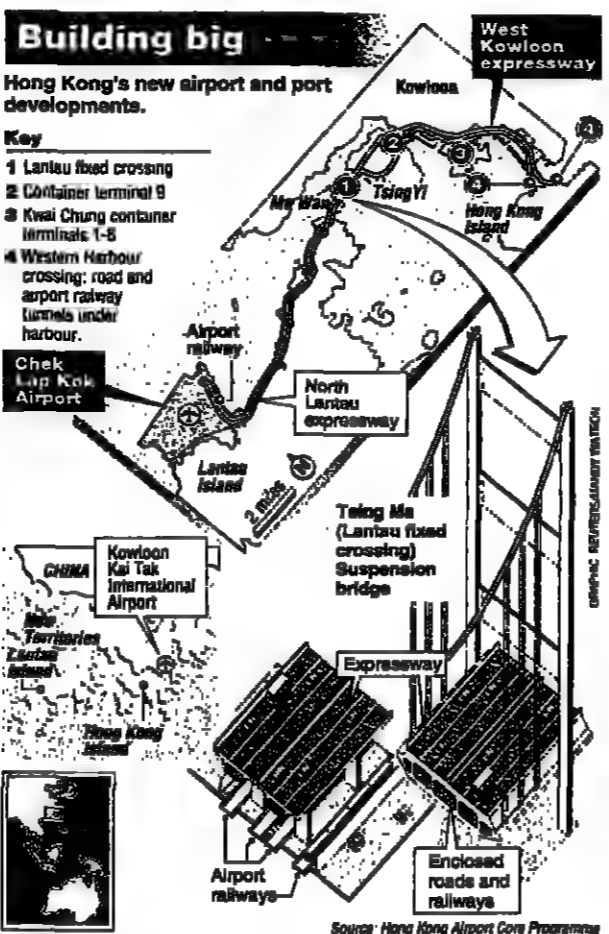
Hong Kong: Enter the Dragon

In day three of our special series, **SIMON BEAVIS** admires the panache of the engineers who are determined that Hong Kong should remain a hub of trade and travel after 1997

THE six-lane expressway linking the new HK\$1.5 billion (£13 billion) airport at Chek Lap Kok to the heart of Hong Kong sweeps overhead. Great, half-finished sections of the new road skim round the edge of the Kai Chung container port where space is so short the "boxes" are piled six high. An airliner begins the final approach to the overstrated Kai Tak airport. It will squeeze in between the offices and flats crowding the perimeter fence with passengers and flat dwellers almost looking each other in the eye. Some 350,000 people living under the flight path in Kowloon endure up to 400 take-offs and landings daily; only a strict curfew on night-flying offers relief.

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met his opposite number in Beijing in January. Now, with the project two years late, political rows over the CT9 development have given way to a battle among port operators as they try to work out a reallocation of berths to pacify Chinese anger. Some observers say Beijing was unhappy about Jardine's central role in the development, because of the conglomerate's close support for Governor Chris Patten's demands for democratic safeguards and its decision to move its domicile from Hong Kong to Bermuda and leave the Hong Kong stock market. Others

cite a plaque that China was not consulted over CT9. The timetable is slipping with no sign of an early resolution. But demand is not. It has risen from five million 20ft equivalents (TEUs) to 12.5 million last year. MTL, like its main competitor, Hutchison International Terminals, part of Li Ka-shing's property and shipping empire, is already looking ahead to building CT10 and 11 on Lantau Island. It sees points optimistically to outline for a further four terminals nearby, drawn up to match official forecasts that container through-put could grow to 32 million TEUs. Merantia MTL, majority-owned by the giant Wai Hing Holdings Group, has been forced to spend HK\$2.5 billion upgrading its berths at the existing CT1-8 terminals. Other companies, led by ETR, are investing in potential rival developments in China, notably at Yantian, Shekou and Zhushan. The Secretary for Economic Services, Gordon Siu, is confident that once agreement on CT9 comes, the first berth can be built in 20 to 24 months. But, underlying the importance of the development, he notes demand is growing and CT10 and 11 will be needed by the end of the decade. Mr Siu is also sanguine about the airport's chances of cutting a competitive edge in the booming Far Eastern market, citing Hong Kong's advantages of established experience in aviation and vital back-up services like banking, insurance, arbitration and legal services. Pointing to a map of China, he jokes: "If you have a market of a billion people, you have a future."

Money makers take their luck on the chin

WORKFACE/Philosophy and religion permeate the way in which business is done in Hong Kong. JONATHAN CONFINO and RICHARD THOMAS seek sage advice

LUCK is on the side of Charles Yeung. After leaving China for Hong Kong as a penniless 19-year-old during the Cultural Revolution in 1967, he has built a \$600 million business empire. Although his company, the Glorious Sun Group which has a \$260 million turnover, is best known for manufacturing and selling clothing — Mr Yeung is nicknamed the King of Jeans — the money has been made from property investments made 10 years ago, just before the market boomed.

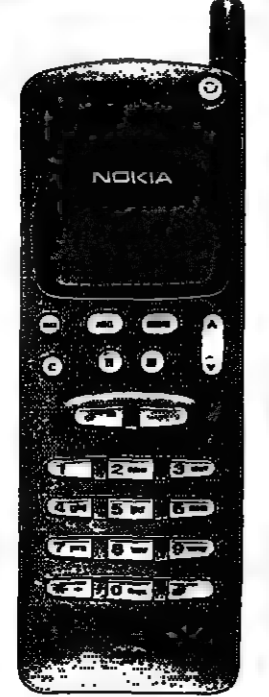
"Yes, I am lucky — which in Hong Kong matters more than anything else. But you have to ask yourself that is and that's where religion comes in." He is a devout Buddhist, meditating for two hours a day and working at his local temple. Behind his huge desk he dozens of Buddhas. He says: "Good fortune simply reflects good works done in a previous life," he said. What goes around, comes around. But Buddhism does not have a monopoly in business enhancement and the thoroughly Chinese philosophies of Taoism and Confucianism also permeate Hong Kong society and the way business is done.

In fact, the use of fortune sticks, the Chinese almanac known as the *Tung Shing* and Fung Shui is widespread among Hong Kong's business elite as well as the thousands of smaller entrepreneurs. The colourful Taoist temple of Wong Tai Sin, ringed by a wall of 1960s tower blocks, is considered the best place in the colony to consult the fortune sticks, known as drawing the "chin". Police estimate that last month nearly three million people visited the temple during the Chinese New Year. The 100 numbered bamboo sticks held in a cylindrical container are supposed to be a means by which messages from the divinities are transmitted to the worshippers. Whichever stick falls first illustrates the right path to follow.

Peter Lo, a senior official at the temple and a lawyer, said much of Hong Kong's business success was down to the chin and the *Tung Shing*, which was commissioned by the Chinese emperor in 2268BC to calculate the arrival of the seasons and the movement of celestial bodies. Mr Lo said: "If the chin and the *Tung Shing* were to disappear, businessmen would become more indecisive. Western companies often turn to management consultants when they do not know which path to take. "But they cannot predict typhoons or flooding and they do not know when someone is going to be lucky in business."

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The great escape hatch

ANDREW HIGGINS meets Mrs Yip, who is on her way to Toronto. Distrust of Beijing means dispensing immigration advice is a booming trade

THE ink of Margaret Thatcher's signature in the Great Hall of the People had barely dried when thoughts in Hong Kong turned to ways of escape from what had been signed. "When it was agreed that Hong Kong would go back to China," recalled Irene Yip, "my mother had just one word: leave."

Today, a dozen years after Mrs Thatcher signed the Joint Declaration in Beijing and only 482 days before diplomatic reality becomes reality, the family is leaving for Canada. Underlying the decision — and that of many others on their way out before July 1, 1997 — is a problem that no number of assurances from John Major or promises from Beijing will remove. "We cannot trust the Chinese government," said Mrs Yip, middle-class, middle-aged mother of two. They change their minds every day. They have a very bad memory. They forget what they said and then deny they said it.

Few show any interest in moving to Britain, Canada, Australia and then New Zealand top the list. A strongroom at Hong Kong's Immigration Tower, responsible for issuing the colony's travel documents, is filled with British passports granted under a special scheme but never even collected. "When people in Hong Kong hear of London they still think of rain and fog. That is the perception of the UK. Depressing," said Simon Lui, who charges for

Citic trades on connections

Outlook
Roger Cowe

CONGLOMERACY is a way of life in Hong Kong. Hanson may be abandoning the notion, along with other groups in the UK and US, but here there are no qualms about the idea of holding stakes in businesses across various industries. While Jardine Matheson represents one of the last of the "Hong Kong bred" from the retreating British empire, Citic Pacific is the first from the advancing Chinese. It is quoted on the Hong Kong stock exchange but with 43 per cent of its shares owned by the Chinese Citic, a state body. The initial stand for Citic International Trust and Investment Corporation. The original Citic was set up in 1979. The aim was to import technology and capitalist management skills and to build up an investment portfolio. Hong Kong was naturally the first port of call and through the 1980s a collection of interests was put together, notably stakes in Cathay Pacific and Cable & Wireless subsidiary Hong Kong Telecom.

Citic Pacific became a quoted company in 1991 and has grown dramatically, partly through further acquisition, and partly through interests such as stakes in Cathay and HK Telecom transferred from its parent. Acquisitions included the Hong Kong airline Dragonair, jointly with Cathay. The sale of some properties and part of its stakes in Cathay and HK Telecom, plus new share issues, have raised more than HK\$8 billion (£850 million) since last autumn. This represents a change in emphasis to more active management and something of a change in direction, back towards China. There is no question reducing activity in Hong Kong as a number of property ventures indicate, but cash is being poured into infrastructure investments on the mainland as well. Projects include five power stations, toll roads and tunnels in Shanghai. This Chinese connection is the great attraction for investors and joint venture partners. Citic Pacific is a means of investing in China, and its connections give it a huge advantage. Nobody else can boast a vice president of China (Rong Yiren) as its founder, and his son, Larry Yung, as current chairman. The advantage is in occupying delays in winning approval and permission. That is why Citic Pacific has been dubbed a "red chip" company, with partners like businessman Li Ka-shing beating a path to its door. But these connections could have a downside if they allow politics to interfere with commercial decisions. The group, however, has made it clear that as a quoted company it will pursue "shareholder value". But a clear political backdrop was perhaps evident in a recent attack on the virtual monopoly held within the colony by its partner Cathay. This is in line with the Chinese government's desire to give Chinese carriers some of the plum routes out of the colony and Citic Pacific is clearly best-placed when it comes to the risks to business of the handover.

Tomorrow
The stock exchange and futures market make Hong Kong a global financial centre. Can the communists run a stock market in the world class league?

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Racing

One-way betting without Master

Chris Hawkins
FOLLOWING news of the defection of last year's winner Master Oats with a leg injury. One Man may go off the short-price favourite for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup since Pendlil failed as a 4-6 chance in 1973.

contracted and Imperial Call is now second favourite at 7-2 (from 9-4) with Coral's, who have shortened Dublin Flyer to 5-1 from 6-1 and Rough Quest to 8-1 from 10-1.

European Commission would, as sure as eggs, start proceedings about unfair competition. Dr Brian Ricketts, chief executive of the British Horseracing Board, is well aware of the difficulties and commented: "We must ensure that any change in the status of the Tote will not damage its ability to serve racing's best interests."

What the Tote, whoever admires it, needs above all is a monster pool bet to deflect some of the interest in the National Lottery, which has brought hard times in the betting offices, numbers of which have declined by 450 in the last 12 months.

The shadow Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, as guest speaker at the lunch, identified the problem and offered a possible solution. "It is not to fight back to generate a £1 million pool," he said. "But the Tote cannot offer that without more outlets."

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Perhaps has a definite chance
HENRIETTA KNIGHT, the Wantage trainer, and her jockey, Jason Tingley, go to Cheltenham next week with high hopes for Debutante Days in the Triumph Hurdle and Easthorpe in the Grand Annual Chase.



Waiting game... Mr President takes the water jump in third place on his way to winning at Newbury yesterday. PHOTO FRANK BARNES

Wolverhampton all-weather Flat card

Table of racing results for Wolverhampton all-weather Flat card, including race numbers, names, and winners.

Bangor with guide to the latest form

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Air raid... John Hartson scrambles to challenge the Manchester City defender Alan Kernaghan at Highbury last night. PHOTOGRAPH TOM JENKINS

Keegan's mettle now up for the proving

David Lacey reflects on the night that put a question mark over Newcastle's manager

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BAYERN HAVE THE EDGE BUT AWAY GOAL MAY TELL AT THE CITY GROUND

Uefa Cup quarter-final, first leg
Bayern Munich 2, Nottingham Forest 1

Chettle keeps Forest alive

David Lacey at the Olympic Stadium

INSPIRED goalkeeping by Mark Crossley and a Steve Chettle goal last night offered Nottingham Forest a modicum of hope for a place in the semi-finals after Bayern had taken a 3-1 half-time lead in the opening leg of their quarter-final and threatened to increase it several times over.

Initially at any rate the season's remaining English ambition in Europe depended on Forest retaining the defensive parsimony which had not seen them concede a goal in nearly eight hours of Uefa Cup play. Against a Bayern side that had just scored 10 in two Bundesliga fixtures this was a tall order.

Forest's resilience was stiffened by the return of Pearce, their captain and cornerstone, after an eight-match absence with a calf injury. His presence alone could not guarantee another successful night in the trenches, but it helped.

Surprisingly Phillips, who had been filling in for Pearce at left-back, now appeared on the right of the defence, a position he had occupied only once before this season. Lytle, Forest's regular right-back, was on the bench.

While Klinsmann represented the obvious threat to Forest, the absence of the suspended Cooper enhanced the chances of Zickler being able to exploit his strength in the air for Bayern. In addition, Forest knew they had to stop Sforza, the Swiss midfielder.

In fact it was a little time before any sort of pattern emerged from the familiar midfield maelstrom with which European ties are apt to begin. The home side

feared the early concession of an away goal and the away team were not going to take risks.

However, frustrating Bayern and silencing their supporters was part of Forest's plan, and by the quarter-hour it was clearly working. Faced with a crush of yellow-shirted bodies Sforza's early influence was peripheral, the German wings remained furled and little of consequence was reaching Klinsmann.

At least not until the 18th minute. Then Klinsmann found Scholl in rare space on the right and trotted to the far post, awaiting the cross. When it came he timed his leap well to get above Haaland and head Bayern into the lead.

This turn of events was predictable but what happened in the next minute stifled the chasers in Bavarian throats. Forest were awarded a free-kick on the left, taken by Phillips, and Kahn, the Bayern goalkeeper, appeared to think the ball was drifting out of play. So he let it sail unchallenged on to the head of Chettle, who gratefully nodded the score level.

Thankfully, the goals opened up the game. In fact 14 minutes before half-time a mistake by Haaland left the Forest defence wide open as Sforza took the ball into the penalty area. Instead of shooting, however, he squared it to the unmarked Scholl, who looked embarrassed as he completely missed his kick.

Forest approached half-time still in relatively good shape, although it took a leaping, arching save by Crossley to tip Zickler's header over the bar after Klinsmann's pass had again opened up the right flank for Scholl.

Nevertheless they went in 2-1 down, having survived a



Something to savour... Steve Chettle, with Stone in attendance, celebrates his equaliser

PHOTOGRAPH: LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

goalkeeping error only to be punished in the next instant. In the 44th minute Crossley dropped a centre from Mattinus and only Haaland's quick tackle denied Sforza the simplest of goals.

Seconds later, following a long clearance from Kahn, Scholl accepted a return pass from Sforza which split the defence and a measured low shot restored Bayern's lead. Slowly, imperceptibly almost, Forest's cover had been

pulled apart at the seams. In the second half they were in danger of becoming reduced to damage limitation. Immediately Crossley had to deflect a cross from Strum, which had looped off Pearce, over the bar.

Forest's response was to put more faith in attack than they had done hitherto. Stone's persistence continued to nag away but now more was happening in the middle, with Roy and Campbell get-

ting greater support. Bayern's football remained patient and probing, but the regularity with which they were getting behind the opposition on the wings boded ill for Forest's hopes of escaping with a one-goal defeat.

In the 73rd minute a remarkable double save by the Forest goalkeeper thwarted the Germans. First Helmer met Scholl's free-kick with a header that Crossley turned against the bar before

tippling Kreuzer's nodded response to the rebound over the top.

Forest suffered an unnecessary setback midway through the second half when Gennmil, already on one yellow card, received another for arguing. He will now miss the return leg.

Bayern Munich: Kahn; Melhaus; Kreuzer; Helmer; Strum; Sforza; Scholl; Weinger; Ziege; Zickler; Klinsmann; Mattinus; Crossley; Phillips; Haaland; Gennmil; Pearce; Sforza; Gerwin; Hart-Williams; Wozni; Campbell; Roy. Referee: A Lopez Nieto (Spain).

Sky wins one and loses one



Vincent Hanna

ANDY GRAY summed it up nicely: "He's not coming on again — he knows too much about football." Ruud Gullit surely does. In his first appearance on Monday night as match analyst for Sky, he held us spellbound.

Before the game he played with Andy's tactical table where, with a flick of two checkers, he explained the difference between Alex Ferguson's defensive formation and that of Milan. After the breathless, demonic first half he pointed out that Newcastle had spent too much energy without reward. I have a feeling that Manchester will score, he said.

My brother phoned and said: "It's Zaire in 1974 again." So it was. Newcastle punched themselves out in much the same way that George Forsberg did against Muhammad Ali. Sure Manchester United might have conceded a couple of goals. But then Ali might have been knocked out.

amend the Broadcasting Bill to prevent satellite channels from buying exclusive rights to the eight "listed" sporting events. This will be debated in a third reading in the House of Lords on March 17.

This was described as a climbdown and a victory. It is both. I had better flag up the real battle again.

The Government, in the shape of Baron Inglewood, said it is "not persuaded" that broadcasting rights to any major sporting event should be unbundled — to ensure that broadcasters with exclusive rights are obliged to license the recorded highlights and/or the radio coverage to someone else.

William Inglewood told us all about the "widespread availability of recorded highlights and radio coverage freely negotiated".

"To impose new controls would be an entirely new concept," he said. "It would have damaging financial consequences for sport." Do not worry — the free market can protect us.

PISH and tush, William, I only wish it did. Hands up any non-Murdoch employee who thinks that the deal for cricket's World Cup (live on Sky highlights on BBC) would have been so sweetly concluded had it not been for the threat of the Broadcasting Bill? ... Anyone?

Where was the free market protection squad during the last Ryder Cup? Oh, and can it get the coverage of the Bruno v Tyson fight for the BBC and ITN?

What precisely are the damaging consequences for sport that unbundling rights would bring? It did not exactly cripple football to sell Sky the live Premiership rights and Match of the Day to the BBC. The plan now is to try to persuade the Government and, if that fails, to do a Dean Richards on them when the Bill reaches the Commons.

There is a way out if the Government wants to take it. It has invited the Sports Council to develop a voluntary code, including an agreement by governing bodies of major spectator sports, that viewers of cricket football should have the widest possible access.

It should adopt the code and offer Government help in enforcing it. The former Heritage Secretary David Mellor has been arguing for months for something like this. Jack Cunningham, shadow Heritage Secretary and fanatical Newcastle supporter, is leading the campaign.

The only snag is that since Monday it has been too risky to speak to him.



Fans pay price for reputation

Martin Thorpe in Munich

THE outbreak of hooliganism here involving Nottingham Forest supporters is the first of its kind during the club's current European campaign. However, there is some doubt over how serious the problem has been.

Were the 59 fans arrested on Sunday and Monday really hooligans or were the Munich police, in a typical knee-jerk response to the reputation that precedes English supporters abroad, over-reacting by hauling away so many?

The second serious incident occurred on Monday when a similar-sized group of Forest fans started damaging cars and smashing windows before one of them threw a bike at a woman, injuring her.

Another nine or so Forest supporters who were arrested also face charges, but for misdemeanours that carry a small fine. The majority of those arrested, 32, were taken into custody after a long liquid evening on Monday because, the local police said, "they were a risk to the public".

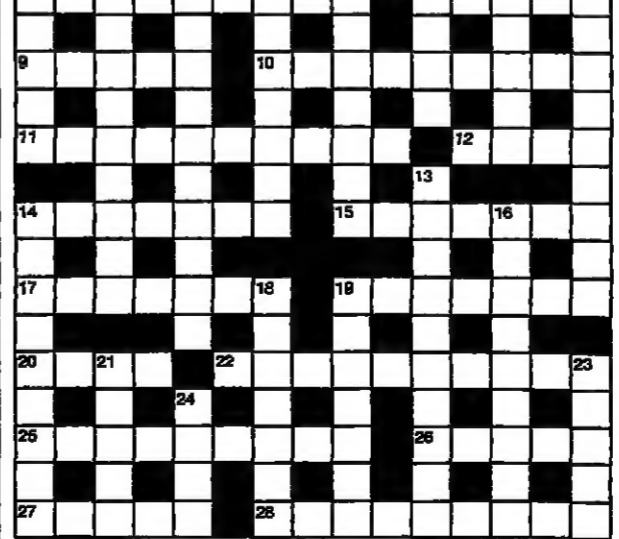
Basically they were drunk, boorish and staging loudly, "We hate Derby and we hate Derby" was one of the chants, though others were no doubt a good deal saltier. However, these acts are not against the law in Germany and the police spokesman, Captain Richard Scherer agreed, "they haven't committed a crime," he admitted.

Other Forest fans were concerned at police actions. "We are basically here to have a good time," said one yesterday. "But the police are looking for trouble. And, if they continue looking for trouble, they will end up getting it."

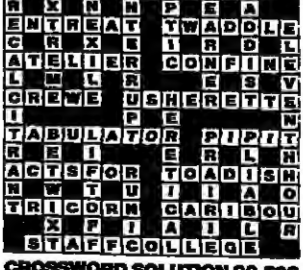
Captain Scherer insisted: "I didn't expect so much trouble so many days before the game. I'm surprised that there are so many people prepared to cause trouble. It reinforces the view that the English are hooligans."

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- Across**
- Instant effect of Baalism on the Middle East (4,5)
 - Waves for 'air-do' (5)
 - Stand, and what at when leisure starts (5)
 - Sees how fast he runs when co-ownership is suggested (4-5)
 - Free French from starting to take counsel (10)
 - Craft of shape (4)
 - City of fashion (7)
 - Warrior craft with painter in front (7)
 - It's very good in glacé fruit (7)
 - Varnish one that's defective, say? (7)
 - King's evil? Put to 7 (4)
 - 22, 24, or 4, not 11 (10)
 - Lodger taking an ell before an inch comes out of the woodwork (9)
 - The practice that makes one keen? (5)
 - Bit of a pack of — I acknowledge — rubbish (5)
 - I'll tell you why: my first wife wasn't so pretty (9)
- Down**
- The river Wear? (5)
 - Rude article removed from protective tape (9)
 - Extract liquid from nerve: it's floated about (4,6)
 - 4,7 Ruined altar haunted by result of age or illness (7,5)
 - Pat hate starts with Dutch dam (7)
 - English girl stopped 19 down (4)
 - See 4
 - Put too big an engine in and it will break down (9)
 - Take first prize with 6 downs, perhaps, at old port (10)
 - Frequently 22 place, as it were, on 6 downs? (5,4)



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- Tory followers take luxury transport in South Africa (4,5)
 - Eastenders' drink has been in the oven (7)
 - Decline in voracity due to illness? (5,2)
 - 12 in the dustbin (5)
 - Coming up to be offensive to one with a skin disease (5)
 - Accommodation for the unqualified? (4)
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